

## The Store Will Be Open To-Night Until Everybody Is Through Shopping

Our delivery wagons are hampered by the bad condition of the streets. Kindly take packages with you to-day whenever possible.

**Miller & Rhoads**

Mail Orders Filled at Advertised Prices.

"BILLIKEN" is Here--The Craze of the Hour--\$1.00.

## Fine China, Cut Glass & Silverware

Christmas hints from the most artistic & lowest-priced stocks in Richmond.

Baking Dishes, Soup Trucons, Fern Dishes, Ice Tubo, Butter Dishes, Syrup Pitchers & Plates, and all kinds of quadruple silver plate. Quadruple Plate Tea Sets as low as \$4.99.

Naval and Austrian Chion Bread & Butter Plates, \$3.50 dozen; worth \$4.50 & \$5.00 dozen.

## Candy

Forty-five different kinds of 35c & 40c Chocolates for 29c pound. This candy is usually sold elsewhere at 50c pound.

Another special to-day is Fresh Marshmallows, in 5-pound paste-board boxes, for 75c.

Marshmallows, in half-pound tin boxes, 15c; 1-pound boxes, 25c.

We're making a specialty of Candies for Sunday schools, Xmas trees, etc., 10c, 15c & 25c pound. A hundred or more kinds, all pure & fresh.

Women's \$2 Hand Bags, \$1.15

All leather, in black, blue, brown, tan & green. A Xmas special.

## To-Day's Menu.

CLUB LUNCH, 40c.

SERVED 12 TO 3 P. M.

Cold Roast Turkey with Cran-

berry Sauce.

Potatoes on the half shell.

Creamed Macaroni with Cheese.

Vienna Rolls.

Colonial Syllabub.

Coffee, Tea or Chocolate.

Supper To-Night.

6 TO 9 O'CLOCK, 30c.

Shad Roe Croquettes.

Creamed Cauliflower.

Boston Baked Beans.

Graham Gems.

Coffee, Tea or Chocolate.

Soda Fountain Specials To-Night, 10c.

Vanilla Ice Cream.

Peach Ice Cream.

Chocolate Ice Cream.

Strawberry Ice Cream.

Macaroni Ice Cream.

Lalla Rookh Ice Cream.

Nesselrode Pudding.

## SHOPPERS BUY IN SPIKE OF SLUSH

Stores Show No Decrease in Trade, Though Streets Are Like Rivers.

## STREET SWEEPERS AT WORK

Small Boys Busy With Snowballs, Spoiling Tempers and Clothes.

Though overhead the weather was all that could have been wished, the streets yesterday were anything but pleasant to the thousands of shoppers who thronged the stores from the early hours of the morning until after the lights were out. Undoubtedly the eager Christmas buyers were caught unawares by the snow-storm, but the time was so much that there was nothing to do except to brave the conditions and complete the purchasing before the fateful morning arrived. The consequence was that in spite of the bad footing, the stores were full throughout the day, and if the usual number of buyers were not present, the shopkeepers had no complaint, for all day long their employees had all and more than they could well attend to. Money flowed in and goods flowed out from the time that the store doors opened until the tired shop girls wended their ways home, with nothing but a slight look forward to than another strenuous day's work.

Far into the night window dressers were at work rehabilitating the depleted show windows, and other employees of the stores burnt the midnight oil to get the stores in shape in presentable condition for the final rush.

## And on Santa Claus.

Until after the street cleaning forces had completed their work, in the evening, Broad and Main Streets had very much the appearance of country roads in mid-winter. Flies of snow, colored the huge street dust, lined the sidewalks, and the small boys were busy with snowballs, but these were few, and most of the hurrying shoppers had the unpleasant experience of stepping knee-deep in the snow. Good-naturedly they pulled themselves out and continued the mad rush for the counter.

Many a Santa Claus had the misfortune to slip on the snow-covered sidewalks and soak in the black, slimy liquid, his tinsel covered presents of one kind or another. Rubber boots were in evidence, and the small boys, with dirty, streaming snowballs, which thrown with diabolical precision, wrecked Christmas clothes and played havoc with Christmas tempers.

Invariably the small malefactors escaped, and certain alleys and doorways during the day were the scene of the laughter of the various gangs which at such times as this infest the different portions of the city.

## Sweepers Work Hard.

The city street sweepers, the automatic street sweepers of the Passenger and Power Company, which had been kept up during the night before, continued through the day keeping clean the streets and piling the dirty, roasting snow to the edges of the sidewalks. Following them came the street cleaning gangs, the men with carts and shovels which hauled to the dumps load after load, without making any attempt to keep the streets clean.

In the evening, the warm rays of the sun helped them, and the sewers were probably the most potent factor in cleaning the streets. All the while the snow piled up, and the lovers of the sport whirled along until the bare cobblestones again showed themselves for the first time in forty-eight hours.

## EXPORTS ANSWER CRITICISM OF CAR

American Locomotive Company Issues Challenge to Foster Company for Endurance Test.

## SUPPORTS POLICE BOARD

Officials of Locomotive Works, Called In for Expert Advice, Defend Commissioners.

In an interview yesterday with a representative of the American Locomotive Company, from whom the Board of Police Commissioners recently purchased a car, it was learned that an answer was entered to the criticisms both of the company and of the commissioners for making the purchase. The answer was that the company had expended \$2,000,000 in establishing a plant at Providence, R. I., for the manufacture of commercial cars, and that the Board of Police Commissioners had adopted, with later improvements, after mechanical experts had been to Europe for years of study of the latest designs.

As to the presence of Mr. C. K. Laister and Mr. J. R. Marshall before the board, it was explained that they were called in simply as mechanical experts. They advised without having been mentioning an American Locomotive car, one of higher power than any of the cars submitted. They were called upon to give their opinion on the car, which they thought was suitable, and gave the names of seven different companies. They also explained in detail other mechanical points with which the board was familiar.

## Only to Confer Favor.

It was through Mr. Laister, who also has an office in New York, that the car was purchased, and a greatly reduced price. He said that the presence of the two experts was only as a favor to the commission, and that no pressure was made until two weeks after their visit.

Continuing, the representative of the American Locomotive Works said: "The Board of Police Commissioners purchased the car of the design and capacity at first proposed, and endeavored to get anything except a nominal use out of it. It would, in the end, have been a waste of money. The car was not built for the purpose of being used as a police car, and the board has decided to abandon on account of its low horse-power and excessive maintenance cost."

## Not Built Locally.

"Some of the criticisms against the purchase of the American Locomotive car," he said, "were based on the fact that it was not built locally. It is unnecessary to try to make a comparison between the amount of work which the city of Richmond derived from the American Locomotive Company with any other local concern, and if the car had been purchased on a basis of this kind the American Locomotive Company would, of course, have been given the preference."

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"If the Foster Motor Car Company's criticisms have caused the public to doubt the wisdom of the purchase, the commission's choice, with the permission of the city, the American Locomotive Company invites any citizen of Richmond, or else any member of the commission, to inspect carefully the car, and to give the citizens of Richmond the benefit of his opinion as to the relative values of the two cars, and as to the wisdom of the selection as made by the Police Commissioners."

"We also invite the Foster Motor Car Company to bring out one of its cars, and to give the citizens of Richmond the benefit of his opinion as to the relative values of the two cars, and as to the wisdom of the selection as made by the Police Commissioners."

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## HEALTH OF CITY NEVER BETTER

Long Delayed Bulletin Makes Excellent Showing of Fall Conditions.

## WARNING ON CITY WATER

Delay in Use of Settling Basin Declared to Endanger Typhoid Situation.

Health conditions in Richmond have never been better than during the fall just passed, according to a bulletin issued by the City Board of Health yesterday, in which were the statistics covering the month of November, the latest having just come from the hands of the city printer.

There were 173 deaths in Richmond during November—32 white and 89 colored—of which 16 were among non-residents. Calculated to annual rates per 1,000 of inhabitants the death rate for the entire population was 18.50, or including non-residents, 16.78. The number of deaths was three greater than in the corresponding month of the preceding year.

Of the 173 deaths, 111 are stated to be most gratifying. During October 47 cases were reported, without a single death. In November there were 42 cases reported, with one death. In this case the doctor was not called in until too late for treatment. There are no cases of the disease in the city at present.

## Watch Water Supply.

The bulletin says: "There is strong reason for believing that the danger from an unpurified water supply is greatest in winter, and last January we had a considerable outbreak of typhoid fever in Richmond, which was unquestionably due to the polluted water supply."

"It is, therefore, strongly recommended that steps be taken to have the settling basin in operation as soon as possible, and to have the water supply as pure as possible. The city board of health has been instructed to have the water supply as pure as possible."

"The inspector of milk and food supplies reports satisfactory progress in his inspection of the city's milk and food supplies. The forty-seven places visited showed great improvements over former reports."

"There were 226 births in Richmond during November—133 white and 193 colored. The births reported during the first eleven months of the year exceed the deaths by 216."

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## Court Taken Recess.

The jury in the Law and Equity Court was adjourned at 10 o'clock yesterday, and the court will resume its session at 10 o'clock. The January term of this court promises to be one of the busiest on record, cases being set for almost every day.

## Holeproof Hose News

Plenty of Holeproof Hose now. An additional shipment reached us yesterday—

All Sizes. All Kinds.

All Guaranteed for Six Months.

All Packed in Christmas Boxes.

## Gans-Rady Company

## HOBSON WILL FIGHT AMBULANCE GRAFT

Committee on Poor Amazed at Admissions of Interne Eggleston.

PAUPERS PAID FOR CITY DRUGS

Sweeping Investigation of Ambulance and Hospital Service Demanded.

Members of the Council Committee on the Poor are much aroused over the revelations made in a statement issued by Dr. Eugene C. Eggleston, one of the interns of the City Hospital, published yesterday, in which the young physician makes grave admissions as to the systematic charging by the hospital of the poor for ambulance service for medical attention. Chairman Hobson said last night that the most stringent efforts would be made to break up a practice which he regarded as little short of graft, making the emphatic statement that if it could not be utterly stamped out he would resign from the committee.

## Ask Sweeping Investigation.

A practicing physician in Richmond told yesterday of a case in his private practice, giving no names: "I was called in to treat a sick woman, living not far from the Almshouse, as an act of charity," he said. "Her son had his foot badly crushed, and was brought home in the ambulance. A few days later he was able to walk as far as the Almshouse to have it dressed. The interns refused to change the dressings unless paid in cents, and the boy came home without attention. I wondered at the time what the city kept doctors and ambulances for if the paupers of the city have to pay medical fees, or else go without treatment."

Reports last night that the practice of charging for ambulance service had been long continued, so much so that the young doctors have come to regard it as a right. "I am told," said Chairman Hobson, "that one ambulance physician, who had not even a license to practice medicine, was actually charging the city for ambulance service. I am informed that the city board of health has been instructed to have the water supply as pure as possible."

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## Chairman Hobson said last night:

"Dr. Eggleston says: 'We were allowed to charge \$2 for making out death certificates.' I don't know who allowed it. Certainly the Committee on the Poor never authorized it, or knew that it was being done. On one occasion, some one asked the question in the old committee as to who was to be paid for the ambulance service, and I said: 'The city board of health has been instructed to have the water supply as pure as possible.'"

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## YOUNG CONVICT FREE

William Coggin, a young white man from Southampton county, who has been in the penitentiary for nearly two years, was pardoned yesterday by Governor Swanson. The Governor took the matter under consideration, and after a full hearing, he decided to pardon the young man. The Governor's pardon was signed by seven hundred of the best citizens of the county.

Coggin killed a young man of about his own age, and was sentenced to about two years in the penitentiary. Up to the time that he committed the act he bore an excellent reputation, his father being one of the county's most respected citizens.

Visiting in Philadelphia. Mr. John S. Parsons, of Accomac county, was visiting in Philadelphia yesterday.

## BEGGED TO FEED DATES FOR COMING HIS DYING SON OF SANTA CLAUS

Father Returns Home With Basket of Provisions to Find His Boy Dead.

Returning home with a basket of provisions furnished him by the Associated Charities, an aged man, a veteran of the Civil War, yesterday found his fifteen-year-old son a corpse, and four other members of his family weeping by the bedside.

"Too proud to beg, except when necessity compelled him to do so, he had kept his loved ones alive, the ex-Congressman bore his suffering until his endurance wore out. The son died following a long illness, which cost the father every cent he could earn."

It was 10 o'clock when the head of the household was given a basket of provisions by the Rev. James Buchanan, and he went to the home of the ex-Congressman to find the father weeping by the bedside of his dead son. The father was given a basket of provisions by the Rev. James Buchanan, and he went to the home of the ex-Congressman to find the father weeping by the bedside of his dead son.

## Books for Everybody

The Juvenile Department of this Book Store has never been in as complete a condition to serve you—we've never sold as many books. Books for the older boys & Girls—Books for grown-ups—Books of all kinds and descriptions. Just imagine an ideal Book Store—Miller & Rhoads will be the nearest that ideal you can find.

## DENSE FOG COMES IN WAKE OF SNOW STORM

Impenetrable Mist Make Conditions on Streets Hazardous.

## DAMAGE MANY THOUSANDS

People Overcoming Inconveniences in Order to Be Ready for Christmas Celebration.

With less than half of the street lights burning, conditions last night were but little better than on the night before. Despite shining stars in a clear sky, which could scarcely be seen through a dense fog, which began to collect after midnight, the temperature was gradually falling, and streets were covered in a sheet of ice.

In the early morning hours yesterday the mercury lurked near the zero mark, and at 8 o'clock the weather was more intensely cold than it has been since the snowfall began. Early pedestrians were galled by the appearance of a mild sun, under the rays of which the snow melted, leaving the streets from trees and from the caves of houses.

Such conditions as prevailed here seem to have been the worst of the storm, but reached as far North as New York State, and from there passed out to sea, where last night it made the use of foghorns necessary on ocean liners. It is impossible to estimate the extent of damage done in Virginia, but it will aggregate many thousands of dollars.

Farmer Evans predicts a rise in temperature, but indications are that Christmas will be spent before glowing areas, and doubtless the horrors of frozen feet and frostbitten ears will be lost in the cheer within doors. The ground was stiffly frozen last night, thermometer standing at 28 at midnight.

Telegraph Lines Clear. Managers of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies stated last night that their lines were open in every direction, but that hundreds of men were required in the work of repairing the damage done. In many instances, poles had been blown down, and in some sections masts after miles of wires had fallen.

The greatest sufferer from the storm locally is the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company. Although hundreds of telephones were put in order yesterday, there were still several hundred out of use last night, and the statement was made that the lines would not be operating perfectly for several days.

It was almost impossible to hire teams yesterday, and where they could be secured the prices were about twice as high as usual. Representatives of organizations preparing to send out Christmas baskets to the poor state that it is impossible to get wagons at any price, and in many cases motorists are employing carriages, because it is impossible to keep teams going.

There is hardly any probability that conditions will change before to-morrow, and probably never before in the city's history has there been as much inconvenience in the delivery of Christmas goods. Express companies are especially hard pushed to deliver Christmas packages. Wagons can make scarcely more than half the usual progress.

Receipts at the various freight depots are very heavy, but the trouble of delivery is not so great as at the express offices, as individuals generally call for freight shipments.

Wagons Broken Down. Drivers report that even with the utmost care it is almost impossible to keep their teams standing. In numerous cases yesterday horses fell in harness, and in many instances wagons broke down, and will be left in the streets until weather conditions become more favorable. Along the sidewalks, trees are down, and years will elapse before they can be replaced.

In the parks, too, trees suffered, especially the large ones. The city board of health has been instructed to have the water supply as pure as possible.

## INDICTS VAUGHAN AND POPE WOMAN

Grand Jury Fixes Blame for Death of Mary Murphy.

Archie M. Vaughan, white, and Fannie Pope, colored, were indicted jointly yesterday morning by the grand jury in the Hustings Court, which has been investigating the death of Mary Murphy. The Pope woman is charged with the death of the girl, Vaughan being named only as an accessory.

Mary Murphy, it will be remembered, died in a carriage while on the way from the home of Mrs. Agnes Herndon, 2125 East Marshall, to the Retreat for the Sick, on the day before Thanksgiving. She was taken to the home of Mrs. Herndon to be treated for the illness which had been afflicting her for some time, and suffered a few days, and it is believed, was placed, dying, in the carriage.

Fannie Pope must stand trial for the murder. The chief witnesses in the trial will be Dr. A. B. Cosby, who treated the girl in her last illness, and Mrs. Mary Herndon, who was the aunt of the girl. Their evidence will not be so important.

Archie Vaughan is a fugitive from justice, and the police department here is still looking for him. Ultimately, it is expected, he will return, or will be brought back to Richmond. In that case, all mystery surrounding the affair will be lightened.

Judge Witt adjourned the grand jury for the term, and thanked the members for their services. The trial of Fannie Pope will probably be set for an early date. Della Pope, her daughter, was not referred to in the indictment.

## CHARTERS ISSUED

New Railroad Company Organized to Build Seven-Mile Branch Here.

Charters issued yesterday by the State Corporation Commission include the following: 5097—The Staunton River Railroad Company, Pittsville, Va.; J. H. C. Barr, president; Pittsville, Va.; D. Parker, vice-president; Pittsville, Va.; S. A. Lee, secretary and treasurer; Totter, Va. Capital, \$100,000; minimum, \$10,000. Objects: Build a steam railroad in Pittsville county, Va., from Pittsville to Bright, Va. Estimated length of line is seven miles.

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## Saloons to Close on Christmas Day

Chief Werner Issues Orders That Byrd Law Must Be Enforced.

## WOULD MUZZLE CITY OFFICERS

Printing and Claims Committee Objects to Criticisms of Work.

As a result of several items in this paper relating to the city's printing, the most recent exhibition of which was the delivery yesterday of a four-page folder containing the statistics of the Board of Health, which has been in the hands of the contract printers, Mosby & Houseman, for the past two weeks, the chairman of the Committee on Printing and Claims yesterday addressed a circular letter to the heads of city departments requesting that complaints at delays in city printing be made to the committee, and not to the newspapers.

The chairman of the committee, who is also the chairman of the Board of Health, stated that the committee has been informed that the complaints have originated with the public and the newspapers, both unable to gain access to public documents, because they were held up indefinitely at the printer's.

City Clerk Ben R. Arvey reported to the committee at its last meeting that the proofs of a volume of city ordinances passed by the former Council, and ordered printed on September 1st, had not been delivered.

Ordinances are all in force, and except for the official copies on record in Mr. August's office, there is no way by which the public can ascertain their provisions.

City Attorney Pollard has repeatedly complained to the committee, not only of delays, but of poor printing, saying that he was positively unable to secure at times seriously handicapped in presenting a case before the courts because of muddy, illegible printing of the city's briefs.

Among the complainants having called attention to faulty punctuation in city ordinances, making the legal construction doubtful, and weakening the effect of the act.

The committee is now asking for bids for the printing contract for 1909. It would appear from the letter of Chairman Davis to the heads of city departments, that the committee is more interested in suppressing criticism of itself than in expediting the work of the city.

Meanwhile the Committee on Ordinances, Charter and Reform, feeling the present unsatisfactory conditions, has prepared and recommended an ordinance regulating city printing, and providing for a superintendent of printing at a salary of \$800 a year, whose duty it will be to supervise the work, and to see that reasonable promptness and accuracy is secured, as well as to audit the accounts and measure the work.

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